JS 44 (Rev. 02/19)

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS Jacquelyn J. Maurer, Individually and as Executrix

# **CIVIL COVER SHEET**

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DEFENDANTS R.E. Pierson Construction Co., Inc., Richard E.

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### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

### **DESIGNATION FORM**

(to be used by counsel or pro se plaintiff to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to the appropriate calendar)

Address of Plaintiff: Jacquelyn J. Maurer, 807 Ridge Road, To	elford, PA 18969
Address of Defendant: Richard E. Pierson Construction Co. Inc., ;	
Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: Pennsylvania Turnpike Northeast Extension, Mile	emarker 32.1, Montgomery County, PA
RELATED CASE, IF ANY:	
Case Number: Judge:	Date Terminated:
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# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Plaintiff,	NO:
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R.E. PIERSON CONSTRUCTION CO., INC., RICHARD E. PIERSON CONSTRUCTION CO., INC., and RICHARD E. PIERSON,	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
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JACQUELINE J. MAURER, Individually

Respectfully submitted,

FOWLER HIRTZEL MCNULTY & SPAULDING,

LLP

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Defendants.

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NO:				

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED** 

## **DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF FILING NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

### TO: OFFICE OF JUDICIAL RECORDS

First Judicial District of Pennsylvania City Hall, Room 284 Philadelphia, PA 19107

Please take notice that Defendants, R.E. Pierson Construction Co., Inc., Richard E. Pierson Construction Co., Inc., and Richard E. Pierson, by and through their counsel, Fowler Hirtzel McNulty & Spaulding, LLP, filed a Notice in the United States District Court for the Easter District of Pennsylvania for Removal pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332 and 28 U.S.C. §1441 *et seq.* of a civil action now pending in the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, December Term, No. 4289.

This case qualifies for removal under diversity jurisdiction, because Plaintiff and Defendant are citizens of different states, and the amount-in-controversy exceeds \$75,000.

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VS.

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### **JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

# **DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF FILING NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

### TO: PLAINTIFF, JACQUELYN J. MAURER

c/o Ross Feller Casey, LLP Matthew A. Casey, Esquire Christopher M. Maloney, Esquire One Liberty Place 1650 Market Street, 34<sup>th</sup> Floor Philadelphia, PA 19103

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Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION	
NO:	

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED** 

## **DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

Defendants, Richard E. Pierson Construction Co. Inc. (incorrectly identified as "R.E. Pierson Construction Co., Inc.," and "Richard E. Pierson Construction Co., Inc.,") and Richard E. Pierson, by their counsel, Fowler Hirtzel McNulty & Spaulding, LLP, remove this action, which was pending in the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, December Term 2019, No. 4289, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332, and 28 U.S.C. § 1441 *et seq.*, and in support thereof, state as follows:

- 1. This case arises out of a fatal construction accident that occurred on June 5, 2019 in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.
- 2. Plaintiff, Jacqueline Maurer, as Executrix of the Estate of Richard P. Maurer ("Decedent"), and in her own right filed suit against Defendants on December 31, 2019. A copy of the Court of Common Pleas' docket is attached as **Exhibit "A"**.
- 3. Plaintiff's Complaint is the only pleading filed in this matter in the Court of Common Pleas. Plaintiff's Complaint is attached as **Exhibit "B"**.

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- 4. Plaintiff served Richard E. Pierson Construction Co. Inc., on January 9, 2020. A copy of the Returns of Service for Richard E. Pierson are attached as **Exhibit "C"** and **"D"**.
- 5. Plaintiff purported to serve Richard E. Pierson on January 9, 2020. A copy of the Return of Service for Richard E. Pierson is attached as **Exhibit "E"**.

## I. PARTIES

- 6. Jacqueline Maurer resides at 807 Ridge Road, Telford, Pennsylvania. See Ex. B., ¶ 1.
- 7. Jacqueline Maurer is averred to be the executrix Decedent's Estate. See Ex. B., ¶ 1 and Ex. A.
- 8. Before his death, Decedent resided at 807 Ridge Road, Telford, Pennsylvania. *See* Ex. B., ¶ 2 and Ex. B.
- 9. Plaintiff's Complaint names two separate alleged entities, "Richard E. Pierson Construction Co., Inc.," but there is no separate jural entity named "R.E. Pierson Construction Co., Inc.,"
- 10. Richard E. Pierson Construction Co. Inc. is a New Jersey for-profit corporation (Entity ID# 0100121788) with a principal place of business at 426 Swedesboro Road, Pilesgrove, Salem County, New Jersey.
- 11. Richard E. Pierson Construction Co. Inc. was a New Jersey corporation with a principal place of business in New Jersey when this case was filed.
  - 12. Richard E. Pierson is an adult individual who resides in Pilesgrove, New Jersey.
  - 13. Richard E. Pierson resided in New Jersey when this case was filed.

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### II. BACKGROUND

14. In all counts, Plaintiff seeks compensatory and punitive damages in excess of \$50,000.00.

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15. Plaintiff filed this action as a major jury matter, for which there is no cap on recovery.

## III. LEGAL BASIS FOR REMOVAL

- 16. "[A]ny civil action brought in a State court of which the district courts of the United States have original jurisdiction, may be removed by the defendant . . . to the district court of the United States for the district and division embracing the place where such action is pending." 28 U.S.C. § 1441.
- 17. "The district courts shall have original jurisdiction of all civil actions where the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs, and is between . . . citizens of different States." 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a)(1).
  - A. THE CASE IS REMOVABLE BECAUSE PLAINTIFFS AND DEFENDANTS ARE COMPLETELY DIVERSE CITIZENS AND THE AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY EXCEEDS \$75,000.00.
- 18. Diversity jurisdiction is proper where (1) complete diversity exists, and (2) the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.00. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1332.

### 1. COMPLETE DIVERSITY EXISTS.

- 19. For individuals, "[c]itizenship is synonymous with domicile, and 'the domicile of an individual is his true, fixed and permanent home and place of habitation. It is the place to which, whenever he is absent, he has the intention of returning." *McCann v. George W. Newman Irrevocable Tr.*, 458 F.3d 281, 286 (3d Cir. 2006) (quoting *Vlandis v. Kline*, 412 U.S. 441, 454 (1973)).
- 20. Jacqueline Maurer resides in Telford, Pennsylvania, and is a citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- 21. "[T]he legal representative of the estate of a decedent shall be deemed to be a citizen only of the same State as the decedent . . . ." 28 U.S.C. § 1332(c)(2).

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- 22. Decedent was a resident of Telford Pennsylvania and, therefore, a citizen of Pennsylvania before his death.
  - 23. Richard E. Pierson resides in New Jersey and is a citizen of New Jersey.
- 24. A corporation is a citizen of the states in which it is incorporated and in which its principal place of business is located. 28 U.S.C. § 1332(c)(1).
- 25. Richard E. Pierson Construction Co. Inc. is a New Jersey citizen, because it is incorporated, and has its principal places of business, in New Jersey.
- 26. For purposes of determining diversity, Plaintiff (in her individual capacity and as Decedent's Executrix) is a Pennsylvania citizen or deemed to be a Pennsylvania citizen, and all Defendants are New Jersey citizens.
  - 27. Therefore, complete diversity of citizenship under 28 U.S.C. § 1332 exists.
  - 28. Complete diversity existed when Plaintiff filed this action.
    - 1. THE AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY EXCLUSIVE OF INTEREST AND COSTS EXCEEDS \$75,000.
- 29. In addition to complete diversity, diversity jurisdiction requires that the amount in controversy exceed \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a).
  - 30. When case is removed on the basis of diversity jurisdiction,

the sum demanded in good faith in the initial pleading shall be deemed to be the amount in controversy, except that the notice of removal may assert the amount in controversy if the initial pleading seeks ... a money judgment, but the State practice either does not permit demand for a specific sum or permits recovery of damages in excess of the amount demanded[.]

### 28 U.S.C. § 1446(c)(2)(A)(ii).

31. "[R]emoval of the action is proper on the basis of an amount in controversy asserted under [28 U.S.C. § 1446(c)(2)(A)(ii)] if the district court finds, by the preponderance of the evidence, that the amount in controversy exceeds" \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs (for purposes of this case). 28 U.S.C. § 1446(c)(2)(B).

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- 32. Pennsylvania procedural law prohibits a party from demanding a specific amount of unliquidated damages. *See* Pa.R.C.P. No. 1021(b).
- 33. Accordingly, Defendants are entitled to assert the amount in controversy in this Notice of Removal. See 28 U.S.C. § 1446(c)(2)(A)(ii).
- 34. "The amount in controversy is not measured by the low end of an open ended claim, but rather by a reasonable reading of the value of the rights being litigated." *Werwinski v. Ford Motor Co.*, 286 F.3d. 661, 666 (3d. Cir. 2002).
- 35. Plaintiff requests imposition of damages in excess of \$50,000.00, including punitive damages.
  - 36. Plaintiff includes claims for wrongful death for Decedent.
- 37. Plaintiff filed her action in the Major Jury Court Program, for which there is no monetary cap on recovery.
- 38. Based on the entire Complaint, the harm allegedly suffered by Plaintiff and Decedent's wrongful death beneficiaries, and the death of Decedent, it is more likely than not that the amount in controversy is more than \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs.
- 39. Because the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.00 and complete diversity exists, this Court has diversity jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a); and removal is therefore proper.

### B. REMOVAL TO THIS COURT IS PROPER.

- 40. A case must be removed to the district court and division thereof which embrace the place where the state-court action is pending. 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a).
  - 41. Philadelphia County is within the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.<sup>1</sup>
  - 42. Therefore, this Court is the proper Court for removal of this action.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Defendants do not concede that venue was proper in Philadelphia County.

### C. THE PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR REMOVAL ARE MET.

- 43. A notice of removal must be filed within 30 days after receipt of the "initial pleading setting for the claim for relief upon which such action or proceeding is based[.]" 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b); see Sikirica v. Nationwide Ins. Co., 416 F.3d 214, 221-23 (3d Cir. 2005).
- 44. When there are multiple defendants, the 30-day period begins to run when the last defendant is served. See 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b)(2)(C).
- 45. This Notice of Removal is timely, because it is filed less than 30 days after the last defendant was served. See 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b)(3).
  - 46. Accordingly, the procedural requirements to remove this matter are met.

## IV. JURY TRIAL DEMAND

47. Under Fed.R.Civ.P. 38(b)(1), Defendants demand trial by jury on all issues so triable.

WHEREFORE, under 28 U.S.C. § 1441, Defendants respectfully give notice that the action now pending against them in the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania is removed to this Court.

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Respectfully submitted,

FOWLER HIRTZEL MCNULTY & SPAULDING, LLP

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Damian M. Taranto, Esquire, attorney for Defendants, do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing *Notice of Removal* was served via first-class mail to the following:

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**Date: January 22, 2020** 

# EXHIBIT A





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# **Case Description**

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Case Caption: MAURER ETAL VS R.E. PIERSON CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.

Filing Date:

Tuesday, December 31st, 2019

Court:

MAJOR JURY-STANDARD

Location:

City Hall

Jury:

**JURY** 

Case Type:

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT

Status:

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### **Related Cases**

No related cases were found.

### Case Event Schedule

No case events were found.

### Case motions

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### **Case Parties**

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807 Ridge Road

Telford, PA 18969

Plaintiff

VS.

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R.E. PIERSON CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.

129 Clump Road Telford, PA 18969

and

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

: COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

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129 Clump Road
Telford, PA 18969

**Defendants** 

### **CIVIL ACTION COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff, Jacquelyn J. Maurer, Individually and as Executrix of the Estate of Richard P. Maurer, through her undersigned attorneys, brings this civil action against the above-named Defendants and demands damages in a sum in excess of the local arbitration limits, exclusive of pre-judgment interest, post-judgment interest and costs, upon the causes of actions set forth below:

### **PARTIES AND JURISDICTIONAL FACTS**

- 1. Plaintiff Jacquelyn J. Maurer is an adult individual, citizen and resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, residing at 807 Ridge Road, Telford, PA 18969. Plaintiff Jacquelyn J. Maurer is the surviving wife of Richard P. Maurer, deceased, and Executrix of the Estate of Richard P. Maurer, deceased, by virtue of the Letters Testamentary that were granted on July 9, 2019 by the Register of Wills of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. See Short Certificate, attached as Exhibit "A."
- Richard P. Maurer, deceased, was an adult citizen and resident of the
   Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, residing at 807 Ridge Road, Telford, PA 18969, until the date
   of his untimely death on June 5, 2019.

- 3. Richard P. Maurer was born on September 13, 1949 and was 69 years of age at the time of his death. See Certificate of Death of Richard P. Maurer, attached as Exhibit "B."
- 4. Plaintiff Jacquelyn J. Maurer brings this action on behalf of herself and the Estate of Richard P. Maurer under and by virtue of the Wrongful Death Act, 42 Pa. C.S.A., §8301, the Survival Act, 42 Pa. C.S.A. §8302, the Pennsylvania Code and the applicable Rules of Civil Procedure and decisional law. Notice of this action, as required by Pa.R.C.P. 2205, was given to the following individuals:
  - a. Jacquelyn J. Maurer807 Ridge RoadTelford, PA 18969
  - b. Rebecca E. Krauss 139 Kulp Road Harleysville, Pa 19438
  - Kimberly J. Detwiler
     1553 Old Skippack Road
     Harleysville, PA 19438
- 5. As set forth in more detail below, on June 5, 2019, Richard Maurer died as a result of the injuries he sustained as a result of being struck by a vehicle at a construction site along the southbound lane of the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike.
- 6. Defendant R. E. Pierson Construction Co., Inc. ("R.E. Pierson Construction") is a corporation or other jural entity with a business office located at 129 Clump Road, Telford, PA 18969.
- 7. R.E. Pierson Construction regularly conducts business in the City of Philadelphia and Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.

- 8. Defendant Richard E. Pierson Construction Co., Inc. ("Richard E. Pierson Construction") is a corporation or other jural entity with a business office located at 129 Clump Road, Telford, PA 18969.
- 9. Richard E. Pierson Construction regularly conducts business in the City of Philadelphia and Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.
- 10. Richard E. Pierson ("Mr. Pierson") is the registered owner of R.E. Pierson Construction Co., Inc. and Richard E. Pierson Construction Co., Inc. with a business office located at 129 Clump Road, Telford, PA 18969.
- 11. R.E. Pierson Construction, Richard E. Pierson Construction and Mr. Pierson may hereafter be referred to collectively as the "Pierson Defendants."
- 12. Defendants R. E. Pierson Construction and Richard E. Pierson Construction are corporations that regularly conduct business in Philadelphia County including, but not limited to, the construction sites and projects at the following locations as identified on the Defendants' website: the dismantling of the 38-story One Meridian Plaza Office, The Philadelphia Civic Center, and the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard; the Betsy Ross Bridge Approach Resurfacing; and the South Street Bridge rebuilding project. See pages from the Defendants' website, collectively attached as Exhibit "C."
- 13. At all relevant times hereto, Defendants acted through their agents, employees and servants, all of whom were acting within the course and scope of their employment and under the authority provided to them by Defendants, and whose identities are presently unknown to Plaintiff but will be revealed in discovery. Accordingly, Defendants are vicariously liable to Plaintiff for the injuries and death sustained by Plaintiff's decedent as a result of the negligence of

such persons whose conduct was under the control or right to control of Defendants and whose conduct was a direct and proximate cause of Plaintiff's decedent's catastrophic injuries and tragic, untimely death.

- 14. Richard Maurer's catastrophic injuries and tragic, untimely death as described herein were directly and proximately caused by the negligence and recklessness of Defendants and their authorized agents, servants, and/or employees.
  - 15. This Court has jurisdiction over this dispute pursuant to 42 Pa. C.S.A. §931.
- 16. Venue in this action is properly laid in Philadelphia County. *See* Pa.R.C.P. 1006, 2179.
  - 17. The amount in controversy exceeds the prevailing local arbitration limits.

### **OPERATIVE FACTS AS TO ALL COUNTS**

- 18. In the morning hours of June 5, 2019, Richard Maurer was working as an engineer for Stantec Inc., an international engineering services company, at a construction site at or near mile marker 32.1 of the southbound side of the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike.
- 19. In the morning hours of June 5, 2019, John F. Sauer, Jr., while acting as an agent, servant and/or employee of the Pierson Defendants, was operating a 2015 Ford F250 Supercab pickup truck (NJ XCGS78) at the construction site at or near mile marker 32.1 of the southbound side of the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike.
- 20. The 2015 Ford F250 Supercab pickup truck (NJ XCGS78) that Sauer was operating on the morning of June 5, 2019 was owned and maintained by the Pierson Defendants.

- 21. At approximately 9:40 A.M. on June 5, 2019, Richard Maurer was struck and killed by the 2015 Ford F250 Supercab pickup truck (NJ XCGS78), which was owned and maintained by the Pierson Defendants, at the construction site at or near mile marker 32.1 of the southbound side of the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike.
- 22. At the time of the fatal incident, the 2015 Ford F250 Supercab pickup truck, which was owned and maintained by the Pierson Defendants, was operated by Pierson employee John Sauer.
- 23. At the time of the fatal incident John Sauer, acting in the course and scope of his employment with the Pierson Defendants, was operating the Pierson owned and maintained 2015 Ford F250 Supercab pickup truck in reverse when he struck Richard Maurer.
- 24. Based on information and belief, there was no reverse audible alarm device or "back-up beeper" on the 2015 Ford F250 Supercab pickup truck at the time of the fatal incident involving Mr. Maurer despite the fact that the rear window of that vehicle had an obstructed view.
- 25. Defendants and their authorized agents, employees and servants knew or should have known that failing to have a reverse audible alarm device or "back-up beeper" on the 2015 Ford F250 Supercab pickup truck, despite the fact that the rear window of that vehicle had an obstructed view, created an unreasonable risk of harm to others.
- 26. After striking Mr. Maurer while operating the 2015 Ford F250 Supercab pickup truck in reverse, Mr. Sauer shifted the pickup truck into drive and struck Mr. Maurer a second time.

- 27. On June 5, 2019, at approximately 9:57 A.M., as a result of being impacted twice by the Pierson owned and maintained 2015 Ford F250 Supercab pickup, Richard Maurer was pronounced deceased due to blunt force injuries by law enforcement and Emergency Medical Services that responded to the construction site.
- 28. Richard Maurer's death due to blunt force injuries as a resulting being impacted twice by the Pierson owned and maintained 2015 Ford F250 Supercab pickup were directly and proximately caused by the failure of the Pierson Defendants to create, implement and/or enforce appropriate safety precautions to govern their employees, their equipment and/or their construction site.
- 29. The negligence, carelessness, recklessness and unlawful acts and omissions of Defendants to this action, jointly and severally, as more fully set forth below, directly and proximately caused Richard Maurer's catastrophic injuries and tragic, untimely death.
- 30. The negligent, careless, reckless and unlawful acts and omissions on the part of Defendants and their authorized agents, employees and servants were substantial factors in causing Richard Maurer's catastrophic injuries and tragic, untimely death.
- 31. The acts and omissions on the part of Defendants and their authorized agents, employees and servants were negligent, careless, reckless and unlawful, increased the risk of harm to Richard Maurer and were substantial factors in bringing about his catastrophic injuries and tragic, untimely death.
- 32. The acts and omissions on the part of Defendants and their authorized agents, employees and servants directly and proximately caused the pain, suffering and untimely death

experienced by Richard Maurer as well as the grief, pain and emotional distress of his beloved wife, Jacquelyn Maurer, and his two (2) daughters.

- 33. As a direct result of the negligence, carelessness, recklessness and unlawful conduct of Defendants, as set forth herein, Richard Maurer suffered substantial economic and non-economic injuries, damages and losses, including:
  - a. conscious physical pain, suffering and discomfort;
  - b. a premature, horrifying death;
  - c. diminution of life expectancy;
  - d. loss of past, present and future earnings and earning capacity;
  - e. loss of enjoyment of life and life's pleasures; and
  - f. such other injuries, damages and losses as described more fully herein.
- 34. The grievous injuries to Richard Maurer and his traumatic, untimely death were directly and proximately caused by reason of the liability-producing conduct of Defendants, jointly and/or severally, as described herein.

### **COUNT I-NEGLIGENCE**

# Jacquelyn Maurer v. R.E. Pierson Construction Co., Inc., Richard E. Pierson Construction Co., Inc. and Richard E. Pierson ("Pierson Defendants")

- 35. Plaintiff incorporates the previous paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 36. The foregoing accident and resulting death of Richard Maurer was the direct and proximate result of the negligence, carelessness, recklessness, intentional and/or unlawful conduct of Defendants, which consisted of the following:
  - a. Failing to properly train their employees;
  - b. Failing to properly supervise their employees;
  - c. Permitting an incompetent and inexperienced driver to operate their motor vehicle;
  - d. Negligent entrustment of a commercial motor vehicle under the circumstances;

- e. Failing to properly inspect the motor vehicle involved in Richard Maurer's death to ensure it was in proper working condition and in compliance with all state and federal statutes and regulations;
- Failing to properly maintain and/or repair their motor vehicle that was involved in Richard Maurer's death;
- g. Failing to properly equip their motor vehicle that was involved in Richard Maurer's death with the necessary safety equipment;
- h. Failing to properly equip their motor vehicle that was involved in Richard Maurer's death with a warning device to indicate when the vehicle was operating in reverse including, but not limited to, a "back-up beeper" or other reverse audible alarm device;
- i. Failing to implement and/or enforce a proper site safety plan for the construction site where Richard Maurer's death occurred:
- Failing to adhere to the requirements of their implemented site safety plan for the construction site where Richard Maurer's death occurred;
- k. Failing to enforce the requirements of their implemented site safety plan for the construction site where Richard Maurer's death occurred;
- I. Failing to properly equip their vehicle that was involved in Richard Maurer's death, as per the site safety plan; and
- m. Failing to properly equip their vehicle that was involved in Richard Maurer's death with a reverse audible alarm device, despite that fact that it had an obstructed rear view.
- 37. Pierson Defendants are independently and vicariously liable for such acts and omissions set forth herein.
- 38. Pierson Defendants are liable for the actions of its authorized agents, employees, servants, along with other such persons who are not knowable to Plaintiff but whose identities will be revealed in discovery, under the doctrines of vicarious liability and/or *respondeat* superior.
- 60. The acts and omissions of the Pierson Defendants were the direct and proximate cause of the catastrophic injuries and tragic, untimely death suffered by Richard Maurer.
- 61. At all relevant times, the Pierson Defendants failed to create, implement and/or enforce appropriate safety precautions to govern their employees, their equipment and/or their

construction site, all of which were direct and substantial factors in the catastrophic injuries and tragic, untimely death suffered by Richard Maurer.

62. At all relevant times, the Pierson Defendants failed to create, implement and/or enforce appropriate safety precautions to govern their employees, their equipment and/or their construction site, thereby exposing others to the risk of severe bodily injury and death and in blatant disregard of the state and federal regulatory law as well as their own site safety plan.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands an award against Defendants, jointly and severally, of compensatory and punitive damages in an amount in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), and in excess of the prevailing arbitration limits, exclusive of prejudgment interest, post-judgment interest and costs.

# FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION - WRONGFUL DEATH Jacquelyn Maurer v. R.E. Pierson Construction Co., Inc., Richard E. Pierson Construction Co., Inc. and Richard E. Pierson ("Pierson Defendants")

- 39. The preceding paragraphs are incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein.
- 40. Plaintiff Jacquelyn Maurer, Individually, and as Executrix of the Estate of her beloved husband, Richard Maurer, deceased, bring this Wrongful Death Action on behalf of the wrongful death beneficiaries under and by virtue of the Wrongful Death Act, 42 Pa.C.S.A. §8301, the applicable Rules of Civil Procedure and the decisional law of this Commonwealth interpreting this Act.
- 41. Under the Wrongful Death Act, Richard Maurer left surviving him as his heirs-atlaw his wife, Jacquelyn Maurer, and children, Rebecca Krauss and Kimberly Detweiler.
- 42. As a result of the negligent acts and omissions of Defendants, as described herein, Plaintiff's decedent, Richard Maurer, suffered catastrophic, permanent and fatal injuries resulting

in his hastened, premature and avoidable death, giving rise to the entitlement to damages by his beneficiaries under the Wrongful Death Act.

43. Plaintiff claims the full measure of damages recoverable under and by virtue of the Wrongful Death Act and the decisional law of this Commonwealth interpreting the Act including, but not limited to damages for all hospital and medical expenses, funeral and burial expenses, costs of estate administration, loss of any monetary contributions that the decedent would have made to his wife and children, the pecuniary value of the damages for the loss of earnings, maintenance, support, comfort, care, society, guidance, tutelage, moral upbringing and/or other losses recognized under the Wrongful Death Act, which they would have received from the decedent had his death not occurred, and damages for any and all other losses suffered by each of the beneficiaries, including the value of the profound emotional and psychological losses suffered by reason of Richard Maurer's tragic and premature death, as may be allowed under the Wrongful Death Act and the decisional law interpreting the Act.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands an award against Defendants, jointly and severally, of compensatory and punitive damages in an amount in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), and in excess of the prevailing arbitration limits, exclusive of prejudgment interest, post-judgment interest and costs.

### SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION - SURVIVAL ACT

Jacquelyn Maurer v. R.E. Pierson Construction Co., Inc., Richard E. Pierson Construction Co., Inc. and Richard E. Pierson

- 44. The preceding paragraphs are incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein.
- 45. Plaintiff Jacquelyn Maurer, Executrix of the Estate of her beloved husband, Richard Maurer, deceased, also brings this Survival Action on behalf of the Estate and claims the full measure of damages recoverable under and by virtue of the Survival Act, 42 Pa.C.S.A. §8302, the applicable Rules of Civil Procedure and the decisional law of this Commonwealth interpreting this Act.
- 46. As a result of the negligent acts and omissions of Defendants, as described herein, Plaintiff's decedent, Richard Maurer, suffered catastrophic, permanent and fatal injuries resulting in his hastened, premature and avoidable death, giving rise to the entitlement to damages by his Estate under the Survival Act.
  - 47. At the time of his death, Richard Maurer was 69 years of age.
- 48. On behalf of her beloved husband's Estate, Jacquelyn Maurer claims damages for all economic losses to the Estate, including but not limited to Richard Maurer's total estimated future earning capacity, less his personal maintenance costs.
- 49. On behalf of her beloved husband's Estate, Jacquelyn Maurer also claims damages for Richard Maurer's tremendous mental and physical discomfort, anxiety, anguish, fright, conscious physical pain and suffering, loss of the ability to enjoy life and life's pleasures, and any and all other damages and losses recoverable under the Survival Act and the decisional law interpreting the Act.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands an award against Defendants, jointly and severally, of compensatory and punitive damages in an amount in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), and in excess of the prevailing arbitration limits, exclusive of prejudgment interest, post-judgment interest and costs.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSS FELLER CASEY, LLP

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BY:

MATTHEW A. CASEY, ESQUIRE CHRISTOPHER M. MALONEY, ESQUIRE Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dated: December 31, 2019

# VERIFICATION

Jacquelyn J. Maurer, Individually, and as Administratrix of the Estate of Richard Maurer, hereby verifies that the within Civil Action Complaint is based on first-hand information and on information furnished to her counsel and obtained by counsel in the course of this lawsuit. The language of the document is that of counsel and not of the affiant. To the extent that the contents of the document are based on information furnished to counsel and obtained by counsel during the course of this lawsuit, the affiant has relied upon counsel in taking this verification. All statements are founded upon reasonable belief. This verification is made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. §4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

JACQUELYN J. MAURER

# Exhibit A

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#### LOCAL REGISTRAR'S CERTIFICATION OF DEATH

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This is to certify that the information here given is correctly copied from an original Certificate of Death duly filed with me as Local Registrar. The original certificate will be forwarded to the State Vital Records Office for permanent filing.

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## SHORT CERTIFICATE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

I, D. Bruce Hanes, Register of Wills in the County of Montgomery, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 9th day of July 2019 Letters Testamentary on the Estate of RICHARD MAURER (aka RICHARD PAUL MAURER),

#### deceased, were granted to JACQUELYN J MAURER

having first been qualified well and truly to administer the same. And I further certify that no revocation of said Letters appears of record in my office.

File number: 46-2019-X2415

Date of Death: 6/5/2019

Social Security Number: 173-40-4812

Given under my hand and seal of office this 9th day of July 2019

Montgomery County Register of Wills

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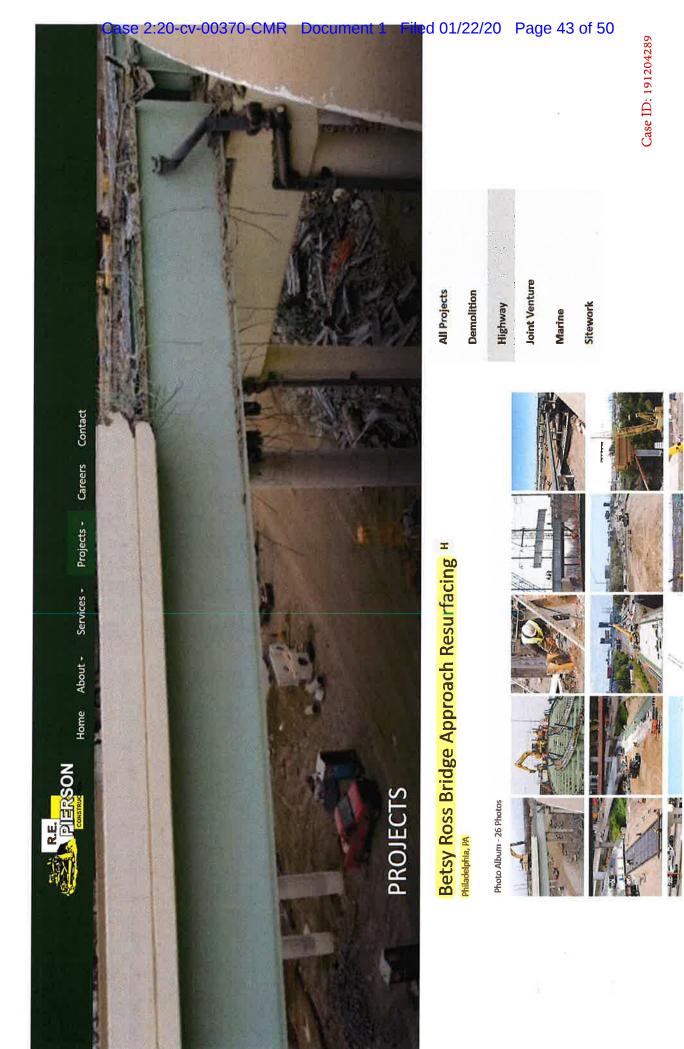
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Philadelphia Naval Shipyard for Kvaerner and the Curries Woods 14 story apartment building in Jersey City,

which included on-site recycling.

story One Meridian Plaza office building in Center City Philadelphia, The Philadelphia Civic Center, the

clients to contract demolition and sitework together. This results in increased efficiencies and cost savings through single-point contracting.



All Projects

Demolition

Joint Venture

Highway

The 85-year old South Street Bridge in Philadelphia will be torn down and rebuilt in a \$67 million project that

South Street Bridge P

Philadelphia, PA

will make it more pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly and donned with decorative lighting.

Nutter's office. Most of the money to fund the project will come from the federal government, which will Driscoll Construction Co. was awarded the contract to build the new bridge, announced Mayor Michael

pitch in 80 percent of the costs, with the state shouldering 15 percent and the city 5 percent.

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Construction Company. Construction of the new bridge will take an estimated two years to complete. It will mean detours. South Street will be completely closed to traffic from 27th Street to Convention Avenue. Demolition of the old bridge, which carries 23,000 vehicles a day, will begin next month by R.E. Pierson There will be no access to the entrance and exit ramps to the Schuylkill Expressway from South Street.

Sitework

Marine

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Ross Feller Casey, LLP 1650 Market Street, 34th Floor Philadelphia PA 19103			Posting Writ of Seizure  Writ of Possession Mortgage Foreclosure			
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